



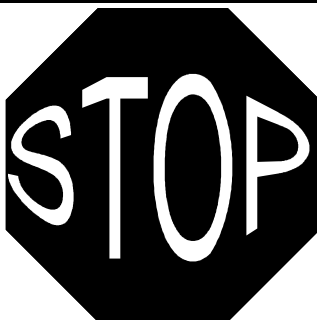
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Warrant to be issued for former hospital CFO on theft charges

A warrant was expected to be issued Monday for the arrest of a former chief financial officer at Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital and Nursing Home.

Tom J. Hilgendorf, 40, was indicted Friday by a Vermilion County grand jury on a charge of theft over \$10,000, said Gary Miller, chief investigator for the Vermilion County Sheriff's Department.

Hilgendorf served as the facility's financial officer from 1990 to 1995, Miller said. A former Danville resident, Hilgendorf now lives in Houghton, Mich., and works as a financial officer for another facility, Miller said.

Hospital board members learned of the missing funds through an audit by the accounting firm of Checkers, Simon and Rosner of Chicago, said board president Russell Leigh, also an accountant.

Approximately two months ago, board members went to the Vermilion County state's attorney's office with information on the discrepancy, Miller said.

The case was then referred to the sheriff's department.

Miller did not specify the total missing from the hospital. "We couldn't be specific about that," he said. "It's more than \$10,000 and under \$100,000."

Briefly

Joint Vacation Bible School scheduled

Three area churches will hold a joint Vacation Bible School July 28 to Aug. 1.

The United Methodist Church, Church of God and First Presbyterian Church will host classes at the United Methodist Church from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

Preregistration may be completed by calling one of the churches or (217) 283-5337.

Tent revival

The First Apostolic Church will host its fifth annual Tent Revival July 18-20. The tent will be behind the church at 205 E. Penn St., Hoopeston.

Events services are:

6 p.m. Friday with speaker the Rev. Dennis Ramsey.

4 p.m. Saturday with speaker the Rev. Stephen Page.

10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday with speaker the Rev. Michael James.

Emergency for Friday and Saturday services will be the

Rev. Larry Hart.

The church will also celebrate Pastor Schueller's 10th anniversary in Hoopeston.

For more information, call (217) 283-7778 or 283-9237.

Camp meeting

New Bethel Fellowship in Rossville will host Camp Meeting '97 July 21-27 at 201 N. Chicago St. Nightly meetings will begin at 7 p.m.

The "Ragin' Cajun," the Rev. Frenchy Perry and family will conduct the meetings.

Meetings

The Hoopeston city council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at city hall.

The Hoopeston Area school board will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the high school library.

Both meetings are open to the public.

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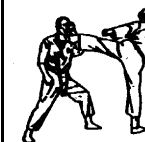
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Board members intend to pursue getting the facility's money back, said Leigh. "We'll pursue whatever measures we can to get the funds back," he said.

Finding the missing funds proved difficult in audits because amounts taken at one time were small, said Leigh. "At the end of the fiscal year, which ends

Sept. 30, (auditors) came across something that triggered it," he said.

Procedures which allowed money to be taken from the facility have been changed, said administrator Darryl Wahler.

For example, the person who makes out the checks does not now have access to the machine which imprints signatures on the checks.



Court Dispositions



July 3: Ryan Dees, Joliet, paid \$657 in full.
Shawn Drannan, Alvin, failure to signal, \$95 total.

Thomas Edwards, Hoopeston, too fast, forfeited bond.

Charles Farnsworth, Alvin, expired registration, pleaded guilty; \$75 total.

Garvin Gerdes, Cissna Park, speeding; \$100, costs.

David Green, Cissna Park, speeding; \$95, three

Obituaries

ARMSTRONG - Ward C. Armstrong, 71, of Bella Vista, Ark., formerly of Hoopeston, died at 9:15 a.m. Saturday, July 12, 1997, at home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at the Hamilton-Orr Funeral Home. Burial with military graveside rites will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, are suggested to the Ward C. Armstrong Memorial Golf Scholarship, c/o Ann Smith, 1612 Lindberg, Carterville, IL 62918.

SCHAUMBURG - Marie F. Schaumburg, 89, of Milford, died at 5:15 a.m. Sunday, July 13, 1997, at Prairieview Lutheran Home, Danforth. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. John's Lutheran Church, Schwer. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Visitation was Monday at the Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, and will be one hour before services at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Prairieview Lutheran Home or charity of the donor's choice.



In the Hospital



Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital

July 10, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Nella Morrison, Betty Pemberton and Vicki Jackson, all of Hoopeston.

July 11, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: Murray Pugh, Hoopeston.

July 12, 1997

Admitted: none.

Discharged: none.

July 13, 1997

Admitted: Roxia Geddes and Mildred Baker,

Hoopeston; Margaret Burke, Cissna Park.

Discharged: none.

Police News



Regina Ervin, 215 E. Penn, reported Monday that someone took money from her home sometime Sunday. Police are investigating.

Weather



Mostly sunny, less humid today. High near 90. Tonight, fair. Low in the mid 60s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy, hot. High near 94, low near 66.

The changes are not foolproof, but will help eliminate some theft. "If you're going to ask if it could never happen again, I can't say no," Wahler said, "but it would take collusion. There'd have to be more than one person involved.

What is most upsetting to Leigh is that the former money man knew the facility's financial situation.

Classifieds

GARAGE SALES

418 N. Ninth Ave., Hoopeston. Saturday, July 19, 9 a.m.-?

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

The village of Rossville is accepting sealed bids for the following items:

1. Chevrolet 1983 ¾ ton 4X4, 6.2 liter diesel. Engine runs, transmission out. Transfer case - 4 wheel o.k., body rough. Has hydraulic & hookup for 8' western plow.

2. Eight foot western plow - well used.

3. Meyer salt spreader - 8 hp B/S engine. Engine used 1 season. Minimum bid \$250.

All above located at the Village Maintenance shops. To view, see Lance or Geoff.

Sealed bids to be turned in to the Village Office. Bid closing 5 p.m. July 21. Bids will be opened July 21 at the regular board meeting.

72" oak sink base, \$150; Magic Chef self-cleaning glass top stove, \$200; older full size topper, \$150; used gas stove, \$65. Call (217) 283-5454 evenings.

PETS

Need a good listener? Free to good home - adult gray and white male short-haired cat, neutered and declawed. Name's Porsche, also answers to "Kitty." Accessories included. Daughter's allergic to cats. Call (217) 283-9286, leave message.

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1967 Ford van. Good shape, needs transmission work. Call (217) 283-6463.

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